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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to an Office action mailed May 13, 2003. A response is due by August 13, 2003. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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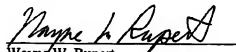
compounds 15-19 of Garofalo et al. the R substituents are both either H or alkoxy. The second structure of claim 30 includes a naphthalene ring fused to the W-containing ring. Compounds 15-19 of Garofalo et al. do not include such a naphthalene ring. The fourth structure of claim 30 includes an R₄ substituent. Compounds 15-19 of Garofalo et al. do not include such a similarly positioned substituent. A 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 30-36 and 38 over Garofalo et al. would be inappropriate since this reference fails to disclose any of the four generic structures depicted in claim 30. Similarly, a 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of claims 30-36 and 38 would also be inappropriate since Garofalo et al. does not suggest any of the claimed structures.

It is submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Kifle is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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